

RESOLUTION NO: 2012-111
RESOLUTION SETTING AMBULANCE RATES

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services Division of the Rapid City Department of Fire and Emergency service is the primary EMS (ambulance) provider to the citizens of Rapid City and Pennington County; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services Division operates as an enterprise fund responsible for supporting its operations through the fees it charges for its services; and

WHEREAS, many of the patients served by the Emergency Medical Services Division pay for their services through government reimbursement programs such as Medicare; and

WHEREAS, the Medicare reimbursement fee schedules do not fully reimburse the City for the cost of the services; and

WHEREAS, many government reimbursement agencies have adopted the Medicare reimbursement fee schedule which has reduced the amount of income to the City's Emergency Medical Services Division; and

WHEREAS, The Emergency Medical Services Division needs to raise the rates it charges in order to be able to raise sufficient revenue to cover the cost of its operations; and

WHEREAS, the City's EMS Oversight Committee has recommended that the City's EMS rates be increased by 3% in accordance with the Regional Medical Consumer Price Index (CPI) figures; and

WHEREAS, the EMS Oversight Committee is requesting the City Council adopt its recommendations and increase the EMS rates by 3%.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF RAPID CITY, that the rates charged for EMS services be increased by 3% in accordance with the Regional Medical CPI and recommendation of the City's EMS Oversight Committee. The new rates along with the previous rates are reflected in the following chart:

Rapid City Fire & Emergency Service - Ambulance Rate Charges				
Rate	HCPC		3.00%	3.00%
Description	Code	Charge	2011 09/09/2011	2012 proposed increase
SCT	A0434	Speciality Care Transport	\$2,392.20	\$2,463.96
ALS2	A0433	Base Rate	\$1,659.11	\$1,708.89
ALS1-E	A0427	ALS1 Emergency Rate	\$994.49	\$1,024.32
ALS1	A0426	ALS Base Rate	\$899.90	\$926.90
BLS	A0429	BLS Emergency (BLS Crew)	\$561.73	\$578.58
BLS	A0428	BLS Base Rate (BLS Crew)	\$448.76	\$462.22
BLS	Q3020	BLS Base Rate (ALS Crew)	***	***

BLS	Q3019	BLS Emergency (ALS Crew)	***	***
	A0425	Mileage	\$11.48	\$11.83
		Mobile Medic	\$40.00	\$40.00
		Team Only Transports	\$75.00	\$75.00
		School - Non Profit	\$105.90	\$109.08
		Standby Rate	\$121.62	\$125.27
		Stretcher Fee/Hospice	\$150.00	\$150.00
		Treat & Release	\$199.20	\$205.18

Dated this 1st day of October, 2012.

ATTEST:

Finance Officer

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CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor